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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0222

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD CS

SUBJECT: ULTIMATUM TO BANANA COMPANY

REF: SAN JOSE 1994

EMBOFF CONTACTED LOPEZ BALBOA OF UNITED BRANDS
TO LEARN WHAT RESPONSE COMPANY HAD MADE TO ODUBER
TELEGRAM. LOPEZ SAID THAT THEY HAD DELIVERED TO
PRESIDENT ODUBER TELEGRAM FROM BOOTH MORE OR LESS
REITERATING POSITION TAKEN BY UNITED IN PRESS
CONFERENCE YESTERDAY (REFTEL). TELEGRAM TO ODUBER
SAYS, ACCORDING TO LOPEZ BALBOA, THAT UNITED HAS
NEVER IMPLIED THAT IT HAD GIVEN ANY BRIBES TO
COSTA RICAN OFFICIALS AND REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE
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FOR COSTA RICA THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY

MISLEADING PRESS REPORTS OVER WHICH THE COMPANY
HAS NO CONTROL. LOPEZ HAS NOT HAD ANY DIRECT REPLY
FROM ODUBER, BUT HAS HEARD LOCAL RADIO BROADCAST
IN WHICH ODUBER IS QUOTED AS EXPRESSING SATISFACTION
WITH THE COMPANY'S ANSWER.
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